

REMARKS

Initially, applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for conducting a personal interview with one of the applicants, Mr. Christopher Bogdon, and with applicants' representative, Mr. Alan M. Lenkin on April 15, 2004. During the interview, claims 24 - 27 were discussed. More specifically, the claim limitation "continuously connected" was discussed to overcome any prior art system that "hands off," i.e., briefly connects to two networks at the same time during the actual handoff.

With the present amendment, claims 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 39 have been amended. New claim 40 has been added. Claims 25, 29, 30, and 36 - 38 have been canceled.

It is submitted that continuous does not mean always, i.e., forever, or permanent. Rather, continuous means uninterrupted in time or substantially continuous because in a wireless environment, network connections are inherently intermittent. Therefore, as long as the network is connected uninterrupted during a discrete period of time, the network is "continuously connected."

The limitation "connected" does not require transmission. That is, a network could be connected when no data is being transmitted across the network.

Claims 5 - 12, 15 - 17, 21, and 24 - 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over AGRE, TAYLOE et al. or FOX et al.; or alternatively, FOX et al. in view of either AGRE or TAYLOE et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

As discussed during the interview, it is believed that each of the claims is patentable over the references of record, alone or in any proper combination, because of the claimed combination of features. For example, claims 24 and 31 recite a security table and continuously connected dissimilar networks. Claims 26 and 39 recite continuously connected networks (networks available for transmission and reception in claim 39) and dynamic alteration of a router

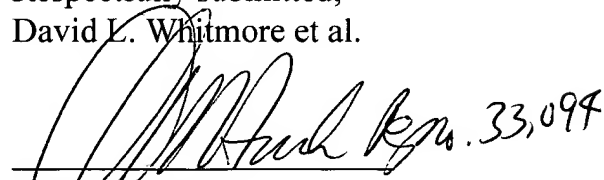
configuration. Claim 27 recites a mobile hub and multiple dissimilar wireless networks that are available for transmission and reception. Claim 40 recites a system configured to switch between multiple dissimilar networks that are available for transmitting and receiving, and a status check. Consequently, it is requested that the Examiner provide an indication of the allowability of all of the claims.

The amendments to the claims and new claim 40 do not add any prohibited new matter. Support can be found, *inter alia*, at page 94, lines 6 - 15 of the specification.

Any amendments to the claims in this amendment that have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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